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Broome's award-winning Guwarri Town Beach redevelopment receives fifth major accolade

The redevelopment of Guwarri Town Beach has again received wider recognition after the Shire of Broome won a prestigious state planning award for the precinct's rejuvenation on Monday.

One of Broome's most loved public spaces, the Guwarri Town Beach Foreshore won the Coastal Design Award at the 2022 WA Coastal Awards for Excellence.

This is the fifth major award for the project. In May this year, it claimed the top spot in the 'Great Place' category at the Planning Institute of Australia's (PIA) 2022 National Awards for Planning Excellence held in Hobart.

That followed the project winning the 'Great Place' and the (Planning) Minister's Award at the PIA 2021 WA Awards in December, and the Playspace Award at the national Parks & Leisure Awards of Excellence in November 2020.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey, who received the award on behalf of the Shire at a ceremony in Perth, said this latest accolade was a testament to the hard work that went into creating a beautiful and functional public space that is popular with residents and tourists alike.

"Through the master planning process, consultation with Yawuru and the community, and detailed design undertaken by Josh Byrne and Associates, we created an ambitious vision," Cr Tracey said.

"The fact the project has set a new standard for public open space in Western Australia is a credit to that vision and everyone involved."

Funded by the Shire of Broome and State Government, the \$30 million Town Beach Foreshore Redevelopment transformed the area's dilapidated pindan cliffs and underutilised public amenities.

Its centerpiece is the \$6 million, <u>112-metre jetty</u> that is now heavily used by the Broome community.

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